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C O N F I D E N T I A L SAN SALVADOR 05825

MEXICO FOR DAS ROBERT B. LANE

E. O. 12065: GDS 7/13/88 (LANNON, GEORGE) OR-C
TAGS: CASC (SULLIVAN, JOHN J.)
SUBJECT: W/W - JOHN J. SULLIVAN

REF: STATE 191696

1. (C-ENTIRE TEXT.)

2. THE FORENSIC SPECIALIST IS DR. ROBERTO MASFERRER. HE IS A PATHOLGIST. HE HAS ALSO HED THE POSTS OF SUBSECRETARY OF EDUCATION, MINISTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND DEPUTY IN THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY. HE IS REPUTED TO BE THE BEST FORENSIC SPECIALSIT IN EL SALVADOR. THE EMBASSY USED HIS SERVICES WHEN EXAMINIING BODIES IN CONNECTION WITH THE BURGEOIS CASE AND HE ALSO EXAMINED THE TWO BODIES EXHUMED IN METALIO LAST FALL.

3. THE FORENSIC EXAMINATION STARTED AFTERNOON JULY 12, 1982. DR. MASFERRER SAID IT SHOULDN'T TAKE TOO LONG. WE ARE WAITING FOR HIS REPORT.

4. ALL RESULTS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO THE FAMILY.

5. WE DO NOT KNOW THE LEGAL PROCESS IN EL SALVADOR FOR ESTABLISHING IDENTITY THROUGH PREPONDERANCE OF EVIDENCE OR HOW LONG IT WILL TAKE. WE WILL, HOWEVER, INQUIRE.

6. AS FAR AS WE ARE AWARE, THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES DID NOT CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION BECAUSE THE BODY WAS UNIDENTIFIED AND THERE WERE NO WITNESSES TO ITS DUMPING.

7. WE HAVE COPIES OF LOCAL RECORDS AND THEY ARE AVAILABLE TO THE FAMILY.
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